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Talking Points for DCI's Meeting with Long Commission

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Some talking points for your appearance at the Long Commission. These are the results of a brainstorming session held among our senior officers on 18 Nov.

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Nature of Terrorist Threat Information

- A "Cry Wolf" business by its very nature
But... when in doubt, put it out. Can't sit on it, no
matter how tenuous or lacking in detail, when human
life may be at stake.
- Requires human sources to collect where, when, who,
etc. Technical sources will often augment.
- One source does not have whole picture
Groups are highly-compartmented
- Seldom a corroborating source
- Often circumstances are such that can't send first
source back for more information
- Channels are frequently contaminated by intelligence
peddlers, fabricators and mental cases
- Despite these unique difficulties, there are
successes:

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Relationship between Intelligence and Security

- The above case is a particularly good example of the relationship between intelligence and security
- Intelligence by itself is seldom sufficient to deter a terrorist threat
- Security should be hard to begin with and should tighten in the face of threat information
- Basic issue to be resolved in Department of State: Sentiment in State which believes our embassies should be open and accessible to the foreign public.

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The threat is deterred when appropriate security measures accompany the intelligence.

Often, these events pass so routinely and so quietly that they get no publicity.

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Terrorist Threat Information - Collection and Dissemination

-- Three Sources:

CIA clandestine collection

Collection by other elements of USG ([REDACTED])

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Collection by friendly (and not so friendly)
foreign intelligence and security services

Terrorist threat information gets only basic
analytical treatment because first priority is to get
the essential facts to whoever needs them to thwart
the threat (dissemination).

Continuous dissemination and analysis of threat
information by CIA for all elements of U.S.
intelligence and security community.

Excellent liaison with foreign intelligence and
security services [REDACTED]

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CIA is constantly working to improve quality and
quantity of foreign liaison against terrorist target.

We assure foreign liaison services that we will report
to them any threats against their nationals and we
expect quid pro quo from them.

We also share information with foreign liaison
services on trends and activities of terrorist
organizations worldwide because of international
nature of threat.

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